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SUBJECT: GOALS/OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (GORM)

REF: STATE 069374

IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL AND KEYED TO ITS SUGGESTED FORMAT,
WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. PROJECTIONS FOR FY-80:
TOTAL MISSION RESOURCES (OPTIMAL)
TOTAL PERSONNEL:

DIRECT HIRE (INCREASE)
STATE US 11 (2) LOCAL 11 (3)
AID US 0 LOCAL 0
ICA US 1 LOCAL 4 (1)
TOTAL(INCREASE) US 12 (2) LOCAL 15 (4)

CONTRACT (INCREASE)
STATE US 0 LOCAL 1 (1)
AID US 1 (1) LOCAL 0 CA US 0 LOCAL 1 (1)
TOTAL (ICREASE) US 1 (1) LOCAL 2 (2)
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PROGRAM: - OPTIMAL - INCREASE
STATE 318,500 - 171,500
AID 1,176,000 - 1,150,000
ICA 243,654 - 66,949
SELF-HELP 100,000 - 40,000
TOTAL 1,838,154 - 1,428,449

ADMIN SUPPORT ONLY: OPTIMAL - INCREASE

STATE 247,972 - 146,970

ICA 18,860 - 11,100

TOTAL 266,832 - 158,070

B. BELOW IS A BRIEF STATE OF U.S. GOALS/ OBJECTIVES IN MAURITIUS FOLLOWED BY AN EXPLANATION OF ONE PART EACH AGENCY PLAYS IN ACCOMPLISHING THE GOALS AND A JUSTIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED INCREASES.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

1. CONTINUED NON-ALIGNMENT OF MAURITIUS, PROVIDING U.S. ACCESS TO ITS PORT.

A. -- BOLSTER THE POSITION OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT BY SUCH ACTIONS AS PROMOTING HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, EXPANDING CULTURAL RELATIONS, AND INCREASING U.S. ECONOMIC AID.

B. -- ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT MAURITIUS' DEDICATION TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AND MAURITIAN OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS.

C. -- MAINTAIN CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE MAURITIAN
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GOVERNMENT AND AMONG THE OPPOSITION TO PERMIT COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING ON INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ENSURE US ACCESS TO

POLICYMAKERS WHATEVER POLITICAL CHANGES MIGHT OCCUR.

D. -- ASSIST IN PRIVATE U.S. EFFORTS TO ASSIST MAURITIUS IN HUMANITARIAN FIELDS SUCH AS HEALTH CARE.

2. A CONSTRUCTIVE MAURITIUS ROLE IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSALS FOR THE DEMILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN.

A. -- THROUGH CONTACTS AT ALL LEVELS OF MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY, SEEK CONTINUED UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. POSITION WITH RESPECT TO INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATIONS.

PART EACH AGENCY PLAYS TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS:

STATE OVERSEES AND HELPS IMPLEMENT ALL GOALS, BUT DEVOTE

LARGEST PORTION OF ITS RESOURCES TO 1, 1A. (PROMOTING HIGH-

LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF TWO GOVERNMENTS), 1C., 2,
AND 2A.

ICA PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT
OF 1A. (EXPANDING CULTURAL RELATIONS), 1B., 1D., AND 2A.

AID PROGRAMS OPERATE TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS 1A. (INCREASING
U.S. ECONOMIC AID), 1D. (ASSISTING MAURITIUS IN HUMANITARIAN
FIELDS OF FAMILY PLANNING, NUTRITION, HOUSING, NON-CONVENTIONAL
ENERGY, AND SELF-HELP).

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED INCREASES:

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OVERALL STATE BUDGET INCREASES OVER THE 1978 LEVEL
REFLECT \$100,000 PER YEAR INCREASE IN RENT FOR THE
EMBASSY'S NEW OFFICE SPACE, A 15 PER CENT YEARLY
INFLATION FACTOR, AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUPPORT OF A
LARGER AMERICAN STAFF. THE LARGER STAFF RESULTS FROM:
(A) PORT LOUIS BEING SELECTED AS THE SITE FOR A NEW
COMMUNICATIONS RELAY CENTER (AFRECON NODAL) REQUIRING TWO
ADDITIONAL AMERICAN COMMUNICATORS; (B) THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN ICA OFFICE, ADDING ONE AMERICAN (PAO) AND THREE
LOCAL EMPLOYEES; AND (C) THE INTRODUCTION OF A SIX-MAN
MSG DETACHMENT. TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR THE
INCREASED STAFFING COMPLEMENT, THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE
SECTION MUST BE INCREASED TO INCLUDE A DIRECT HIRE GENERAL
SERVICES LOCAL EMPLOYEE, A RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY, AND A
DRIVER. DUE TO THE EXPANDED OFFICE SPACE, A CONTRACT
JANITOR WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE ARRANGED.

ICA: CURRENTLY (FY-78) THE ICA PROGRAM IS JUST BEGINNING
IN MAURITIUS WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF A NEW PAO WHO IS NOT
DUE TO ARRIVE UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.
INCREASES IN THE ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR FY-80 STEM FROM A
FULL YEAR'S OBLIGATION FOR THE PAO'S SALARY AND ALLOWANCES, AN
OVERALL 15 PERCENT INCREASE DUE TO NORMAL INFLATIONARY
FACTORS THAT WILL INFLUENCE LOCAL RENTS, WAGES, ETC.,
A SMALL INCREASE IN IV PROGRAM FUNDS ALSO TO ACCOUNT FOR
THE REALITIES OF INFLATION, AND THE SALARY OF ONE ADDITIONAL
LOCAL EMPLOYEE AND THAT OF ONE CONTRACT LOCAL EMPLOYEE.
THESE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ARE ANTICIPATED BY FY-80 TO PROVIDE
SUPPORT TO A FULLY OPERATING INFORMATION/CULTURAL PROGRAM.
THE FULL-TIME DIRECT HIRE LOCAL EMPLOYEE WILL BE A DRIVER/
MESSENGER/EXPEDITOR; THE CONTRACT EMPLOYEE WILL SERVE AS
ICA'S ROVING PROJECTIONIST IN AN ACTIVE, NATION-WIDE FILM
SHOWING PROGRAM.
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AID IS OF NECESSITY GREATLY INCREASED OVER FY-78 BECAUSE TWO NEW PROGRAMS (PL-480 TITLE I AND A NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY PROJECT) TO BE INITIATED IN FY-79, WILL BE CONTINUED IN FY-80. WHEREAS CURRENTLY (FY-78) AID BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES FOR MAURITIUS CONSIST OF FIVE AFGRAD SCHOLARSHIPS (APPROXIMATELY \$6,000), AND PARTICIPANT TRAINEE GRANTS AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILY PLANNING PROJECTS (APPROXIMATELY \$20,000), THE OVERALL AID PROGRAM FOR FY-80 WOULD CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS AND ADD: \$100,000 FOR THE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY PROJECT; \$1,000,000 FOR THE PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM; AND \$50,000 TO COVER THE SALARY AND LIVING COSTS OF ONE AID CONTRACT TECHNICIAN, EMPLOYED TO MONITOR AND HELP IMPLEMENT THE HOUSING GUARANTEE PROGRAM WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE NEGOTIATED IN FY-79.

SELF-HELP FUNDS SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM THE CURRENT \$60,000 TO THE FY-80 TARGET OF \$100,000 PARTLY TO ACCOUNT FOR THE INFLATIONARY COST INCREASES IN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND LABOR, AND PART TO EXPAND THIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL HUMANITARIAN AID PROGRAM.

C. SHOULD A FIVE OR TEN PER CENT REDUCTION BECOME NECESSARY, THE FOLLOWING AREAS COULD BE CONSIDERED (LISTED IN PRIORITY ORDER, WITH LOWEST PRIORITY ITEMS FIRST):

FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION

- ELIMINATE ON COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT (ESTIMATED SAVINGS DOLS 35,000)
- ELIMINATE ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION (ESTIMATED SAVINGS DOLS 5,000)
- REDUCE PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM BY DOLS 65,000

TEN PER CENT REDUCTION

- COMBINE CONSULAR AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER POSITIONS, ELIMINATING ONE AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICER
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(ESTIMATED SAVINGS DOLS 50,000)

- REDUCE PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM BY ANOTHER DOLS 35,000.
 - REDUCE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY PROJECT BY DOLS 20,000.
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